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SUBJECT: TURKISH REACTION TO GREEK ELECTIONS

- 1. TURKS, CAUGHT UP IN BEGINNING OF FOUR-DAY MOSLEM HOLIDAY (FEAST OF SACRIFICE), HAVE SO FAR SHOWN LITTLE REACTION TO OUTCOME OF GREEK ELECTIONS. NO POLITICAL LEADER HAS YET MADE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT AND, ALTHOUGH VOTE RESULTS WERE GIVEN NORMAL NEWS PLAY IN NOV. 22 PRESS, ONLY ONE EDITORIAL APPEARED.
- 2. THAT EDITORIAL, PUBLISHED IN LARGE CIRCULATION, CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN, MADE THESE POINTS:
- --CARAMANLIS WAS UNABLE TO FIND THE MANDATE HE HAD SOUGHT FOR "DEFINITE DECISIONS" ON CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN AND FOR ASSURING GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE EC.
- --IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED STRENGTH OF THE "DEMAGOGIC FAKE SOCIALIST" PAPANDREAU---WHO HAD WANTED WAR WITH TURKEY AND HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESSED CARAMANLIS TO SINK THE TURKISH RESEARCH VESSEL SISMIK--CARAMANLIS WILL HAVE TO ENDURE ATTACKS BY PAPANDREAU ON ISSUES INVOLVEING THE AEGEAN, CYPRUS, THE EC, AND NATO.

- --"IN SHORT, CARAMANLIS' PLAYING AREA HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY NARROWED."
- --"IF CARAMANLIS REALLY HAS THE INTENTION TO GET RID OF TENSIONS, HE SHOULD LEAVE 'BYZANTINE INTRIGUES' TO ONE SIDE AND SIT

DOWN AT THE PEACE TABLE RIGHT AWAY.	THE 70-YEAR-OLD PRIME
MINISTER DOES NOT HAVE TIME TO LOSE."	
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